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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-83546, published March 28, 1997 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 10-107796, published April 24, 1998 with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 10-285175, published October 23, 1998 with English Abstract.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 8-51432, published February 20, 1996 with English Abstract.

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5. Japanese Patent No. 2500618, published March 13, 1996 (corresponds to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 7-30538, published January 31, 1995 with English Abstract).
6. Japanese Patent No. 2655467, published May 30, 1997 (corresponds to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 6-343080, published December 13, 1994 with English Abstract).

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